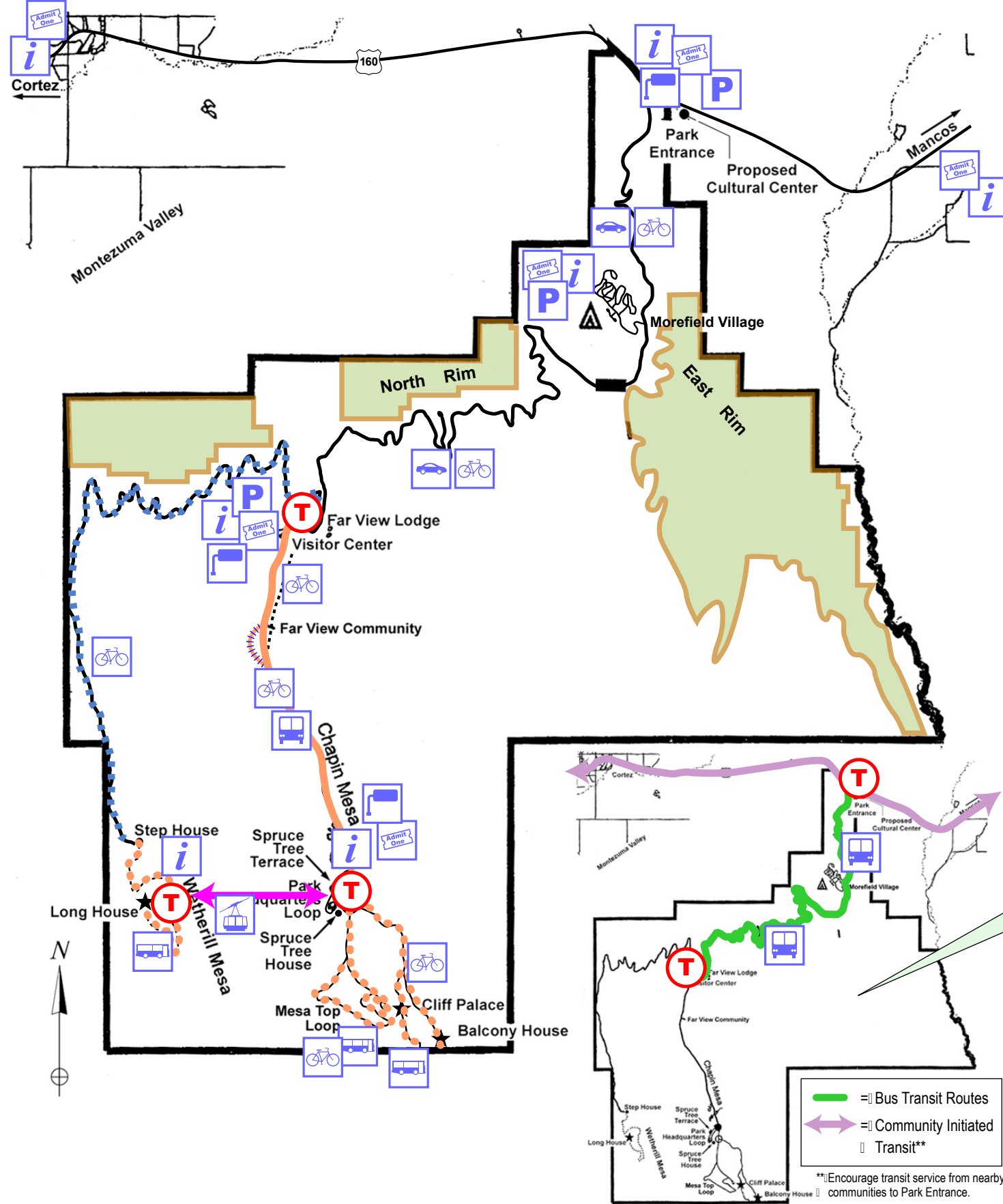


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Manages visitors and vehicles by adding trails, overlooks and peak season bus transit and aerial cableway services. Uses designated buses on Chapin Mesa and an aerial cableway linking Chapin and Wetherill Mesas to manage access to ticketed sites and for exclusive visitor access beyond Far View during peak season. Access to Wetherill Mesa is via aerial cableway or bicycle along the existing road corridor.

Roadway

- Park Entrance Road open to autos.
- No auto access beyond Far View*.
- Provide expanded bus transit stops/turnouts at select overlook locations on Chapin Mesa, Mesa Top Loop and Cliff Palace/Balcony House Loop.
- *All roads are open/retained for administrative vehicle use.

Parking

- Maintain existing capacity, plus:
- Increase parking capacity at Far View for Chapin Mesa Bus Transit and Aerial Cableway users.
- Convert portion of parking capacity at Park HQ to transit staging area.

Transit

- Chapin Mesa Road Bus Transit.
- Aerial Cableway between Chapin Mesa Park HQ area and Wetherill Mesa Loop area.
- Mesa Top Loop Bus/Tram.
- Cliff Palace/Balcony House Loop Bus/Tram.
- Wetherill Mesa Loop Bus/Tram (increased frequency).

Tour Bus

- Concessioner-operated.
- Allow concessioner to increase tours as market demands.
- Maintain access for other tour operators to Far View.

Optional Phases: Enhanced peak season bus transit service to provide exclusive visitor access along Park Entrance Road. Maintain Wetherill Mesa Road for administrative vehicles and bicycles only.

Roadway

- Park Entrance Road to Far View open for auto access to overnight accommodations only.
- No auto access beyond Far View on Chapin Mesa or Wetherill Mesa*.
- *All roads are open/retained for administrative vehicle use.

Parking

- Develop main visitor parking at Park Entrance (new Cultural Center).
- Convert additional portion of parking capacity at Far View to transit staging area.

Trails

- Formalize social trails at Morefield Village and harden trail to Kiva.
- Add trail between Far View VC and Far View Community.
- Add/formalize trails to new overlooks.
- Add new trails at HQ area (Kiln Site).
- Improve and add new trails on Wetherill Mesa per Wetherill Mesa Development Concept Plan, November, 1988 and select elements from Draft Wetherill Mesa 2001 Redevelopment Plan.

Bikes

- Permitted on all park roads including Wetherill Mesa. No designated bike lanes.
- Provide bike racks on Chapin Mesa Bus Transit vehicles.
- Biking permitted on new Far View Trail.

Site Access/Overlooks

- No new archaeological sites developed.
- Manage existing sites but increase peak season tour size and add special tours at Cliff Palace.
- Overlooks: Promote existing overlooks and add new locations. Develop overlook tour (see list/maps).

Ticketing

- Same distribution and sites as Enhanced Visitor Management Alternative.

Orientation

- Same as Enhanced Visitor Management Alternative.
- Include information on Bus Transit service, Aerial Cableway and auto restrictions.

Interpretation Opportunities

- Same as Enhanced Visitor Management Alternative.
- Provide interpretation on Chapin Mesa Bus Transit, Aerial Cableway and Bus/Tram Loop Routes on Wetherill and Chapin Mesas.

Legend

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| | =□ Roadway | | =□ Visitor Information | | =□ High Frequency Bus/Tram | | =□ Bus Transit Route |
| | =□ Park Boundary | | =□ Variable Message Sign | | =□ Aerial Cableway | | =□ Bus/Tram Route |
| | =□ Wilderness Area | | =□ Autos Permitted | | =□ Primary Visitor Parking Facilities | | =□ Aerial Cableway Corridor |
| | =□ Ticketed Sites | | =□ Bikes Permitted | | =□ New Roadway | | =□ Roadway Open for Administrative Use only (closed to general visitor traffic) |
| | =□ Ticket Distribution | | =□ Bus Transit | | =□ Trail | | =□ Transit Terminus/Transfer Node |